

### **State Board Retreat/Work Session – May 3, 2012**

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a retreat work session on Thursday, May 3, 2012 in the Conference Room at Hotel Blue in Lewes, Delaware. The work session began at 10:02 a.m. with the following Board members present: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt, and Dr. Terry M. Whittaker. Donna R. Johnson, State Board Executive Director, was also present.

Also joining the State Board was Brad Hull from the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

The Board received an update on the Teacher Leader Effectiveness Unit (TLEU). Dan Cruce, Deputy Secretary of Education/Chief of Staff and Christopher Ruszkowski, TLEU Chief Officer, provided the remote presentation that focused on the talent retention initiative that is part of the State's Race to the Top (RTTT) plan.

Secretary Lowery joined the State Board for a working lunch session and provided an update on other RTTT initiatives and goals.

The Board's focus for the afternoon was on Common Core State Standards. Ryan Reyna from the National Governor's Association (NGA) and Dr. Sandra Alberti from Student Achievement Partners were present for this discussion. Joining the discussion by remote presentation was Elizabeth Ross from NASBE. Mr. Reyna, Dr. Alberti and Ms. Ross presented to the Board on the implementation and policy impact as a result of Delaware's adoption and implementation plans involving the Common Core State Standards. The Board then participated in a webinar with NASBE and SMARTER Balance Consortium Assessment.

The work session adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

### **State Board Retreat/Work Session – May 4, 2012**

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a retreat work session on Friday, May 4, 2012 in the Conference Room at Hotel Blue in Lewes, Delaware. The work session began at 8:03 a.m. with the following Board members present: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; G. Patrick

Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt, and Dr. Terry M. Whittaker. Donna R. Johnson, State Board Executive Director, was also present.

Also joining the State Board was Brad Hull from the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

John Carwell, Education Associate for Charter Schools, joined the Board for its morning discussion and update on the charter school performance framework.

Ms. Johnson presented the afternoon session on Digital Citizenship. Also attending and accompanying Ms. Johnson was Dr. Wendy Modzelewski from DCET and by remote presentation Whitney Meagher and Christopher Sun from NASBE.

The Board also received eBoard training on its new paper-free meeting management system from eBoard Solutions via remote presentation.

The retreat adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

#### **State Board Retreat/Work Session – May 5, 2012**

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a retreat work session on Saturday, May 5, 2012 in the Conference Room at Hotel Blue in Lewes, Delaware. The work session began at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board members present: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt, and Dr. Terry M. Whittaker. Donna R. Johnson, State Board Executive Director, was also present.

Also joining the State Board was Brad Hull from the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

There was further discussion on the development of the charter performance framework followed by the Board discussing its strategic plan and next steps.

The work session adjourned at 12:10 p.m.